



COLORADO

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Division of Professions and Occupations

Healthcare Branch
Colorado Medical Board



VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

May 16, 2018

Case No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


Dear [REDACTED]:

Inquiry Panel A ("Panel") of the Colorado Medical Board ("Board") has concluded its inquiry regarding your care and treatment of patient J.L. It was the Panel's decision not to commence with formal proceedings against your license to practice medicine. However, the Panel did vote to administer disciplinary action to you in the form of this letter of admonition.

As you recall, in December 2014, you were providing on-call physician services for the correctional facility and provided care and treatment via telephone consultation with a nurse to an incarcerated patient J.L., [REDACTED], who had complaints of persistent cough producing blood tinged sputum. There is no documentation by you or the nurse as to what was relayed during this phone consultation. You obtained health information from the patient's nurse and prescribed a cough suppressant for the patient. You did not document your discussion with the nurse, your recommendation for the patient or advice to the nurse as to what concerning symptoms to watch for and when the patient should be transferred to a healthcare facility for evaluation. The patient had bacterial pneumonia, developed sepsis and rapidly deteriorated until his death on December 14, 2014.

After a review of all the information in this matter, the Panel found that your care and treatment of patient J.L. fell below the generally accepted standards of practice for a physician, constituting




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unprofessional conduct in violation of section 12-36-117 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Specifically, your care and treatment of the patient was substandard related to lack of documentation of the medical advice you gave to the nursing staff.

By this letter, the Panel hereby admonishes you and cautions you that complaints disclosing any repetition of such practice may lead to the commencement of formal disciplinary proceedings against your license to practice medicine, wherein this letter of admonition may be entered into evidence as aggravation.

Pursuant to agreement with the Panel, you are waiving the right provided by section 12-36-118(4)(c)(III), C.R.S., to contest this letter of admonition. A letter of admonition, when accepted, becomes a permanent public record.

Sincerely,

FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD
INQUIRY PANEL A



Donna M. Baldwin, D.O.
Chair

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cc: 